

DM-448

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 25 November 1955

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. [redacted] Amory,
 Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick [redacted]
 Sheldon, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Discussed a 3 October message from [redacted] regarding establishment of credits for crude oil. Asked DD/I to look into the matter in coordination with Mr. [redacted] (This was furnished by DD/I later.)

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b. Stated he was seeing [redacted] and asked Mr. Amory and [redacted] to be present.

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c. Discussed IN 33180 from [redacted] and asked DD/P to report to him on this.

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d. Asked Mr. [redacted] to report to him on Monday on the [redacted] (International Communism) paper.

e. Referred to a letter from Park Armstrong requesting a crash estimate. Mr. Amory stated this was in hand. General Cabell stated he felt the military aid portion should be included, that we should not accept the full charge but require participation by the aid people. Mr. Amory undertook to re-examine the terms of reference. Mr. Dulles stated he would not object to having Gordon Gray and ICA represented when the IAC considers this estimate.

f. Discussed the [redacted] report from [redacted] on the [redacted] matter and said he would like to have General Cabell look into this for him. He was particularly concerned that where we were serving as a channel of communication we were accused of being "instigators of the plot".

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g. Commented on an ORR memo to ICA and objected to including the [redacted] under the item "known offers which will probably be accepted". Mr. Amory agreed to modify this.

h. Referred to a memorandum of 18 November from Parker on the abolition of the [redacted] and passed this to Mr. [redacted] for comment.

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i. Asked Mr. [redacted] to have a recommendation to him by Monday of CIA representation on a select committee to revise

PSB-D-23 of 1953 dealing with the SEATO problem. (Basis for this conversation was letter from [redacted] 21 November, Top Secret).

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j. Asked General Cabell to look over IN 33721 and discuss with him.

k. Asked Gen. Cabell to discuss with [redacted] an additional Agreed Activities matter.

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25X1 l. Asked Mr. [redacted] to give him a report by Wednesday on cable IN 33344 dealing with the effectiveness of [redacted] political support.

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25X1 m. Reported that Congressman Judd was very gloomy about the [redacted] picture and read from State cable 580 from [redacted] which he asked Mr. Amory to give to Sherman Kent.

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25X1 n. Says he considers the [redacted] situation the most worrisome one at the present time and would hate to wake up some morning to read in the papers that it had gone behind the Iron Curtain. Mr. [redacted] remarked it would be worse if he woke up some morning to find it had gone behind the Iron Curtain without any publicity -- that if such a thing happens, at least we could salvage some world opinion by thoroughly publicizing the matter. Mr. Dulles said he intended to give a thorough briefing on Thursday, complete with charts and maps, on the [redacted] situation and would like to discuss it at the IAC on Tuesday and generally make the topic a matter of urgency. Mr. [redacted] said he would ask the Station for their comments.

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25X1 o. Asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to be sure that we contact Congressmen who have returned from trips where we know they have expressed particular interest in an area so that in our approach to them they will be aware we have followed them in their course of travels.

General Cabell:

Reported that he had a discussion with AEC representatives on the matter of CIA clearances and found it very discouraging. Generally AEC takes the position that they do not know whether current law permits them to make such an arrangement but they would not object to a ruling of the Attorney General which stated the law would permit the arrangement. They would object to a revision of current law. Mr. Houston is writing up an attorney's brief on the matter.

Col. White:

Reported he is seeing Congressman Broyhill today who has agreed that it is time to call for all Virginians to get behind the Langley site. He has asked for, and is being furnished by Col. White, our position in the matter. Col. White pointed out the next week would be a very important one in this connection since it is the last week before the Council acts.

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Mr. [redacted]

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a. Reported on a talk he had with [redacted] in which [redacted] informed him of a possible Shell Oil project to widen the Suez Canal at a cost of approximately Two Billion Dollars. He said [redacted] wanted to speak to the Director about this. The Director agreed.

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b. Asked that Mr. [redacted] discuss with him the [redacted] cable from [redacted]

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